



**MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS
VICTORIA, JUNE 1989**

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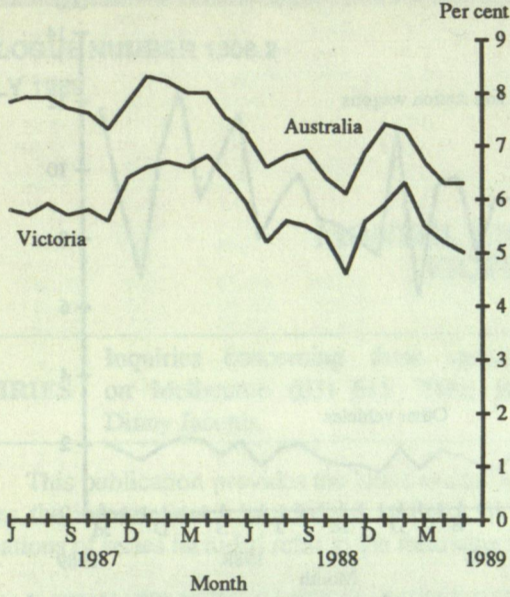
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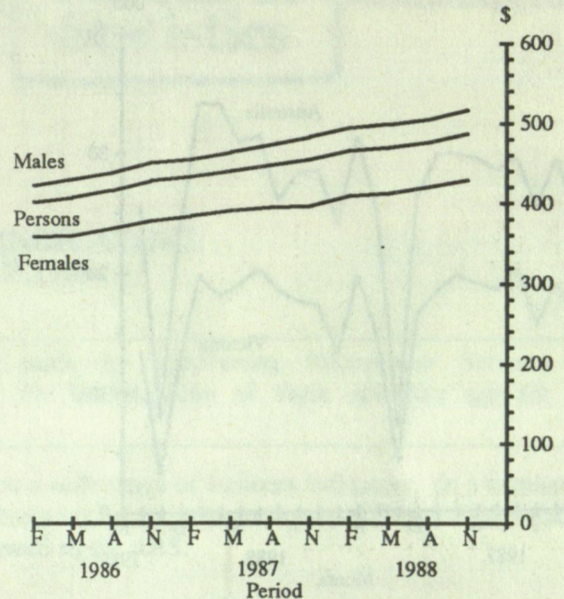
Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year per cent	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year Aust. per cent	
				One period	Two periods	Three periods					
LABOUR FORCE											
Employed persons	- full-time	'000	May 89	1,630.6	1,631.2	1,615.6	1,611.4	1,551.6	5.1	6,122.5	4.2
	- total	'000	May 89	2,054.6	2,038.5	2,025.7	2,003.8	1,940.6	5.9	7,729.0	5.1
Unemployed persons looking for work	- full-time	'000	May 89	77.1	76.6	84.8	101.5	99.1	-22.2	402.8	-14.1
	- total	'000	May 89	108.5	112.0	117.1	135.8	133.4	-18.7	518.6	-12.5
Labour force		'000	May 89	2,163.1	2,150.5	2,142.8	2,139.6	2,074.1	4.3	8,247.6	3.8
Participation rate	per cent		May 89	64.1	63.9	63.7	63.7	62.5	2.6	63.4	1.8
Unemployment rate	per cent		May 89	5.0	5.2	5.5	6.3	6.4	-21.9	6.3	-16.0
Job vacancies		'000	Feb 89	21.2	19.5	18.1	18.6	16.3	30.1	72.5	17.3
Overtime worked per employee	hours		Feb 89	1.52	1.56	1.45	1.54	1.50	1.3	1.41	5.2
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS											
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings -		\$	Nov 88	487.00	475.90	469.30	465.50	454.10	7.2	484.90	7.7
Males		\$	Nov 88	516.60	504.40	498.30	493.90	482.80	7.0	512.70	7.4
Females		\$	Nov 88	429.20	420.10	412.20	409.30	396.60	8.2	426.80	8.9
All employees total earnings		\$	Nov 88	429.60	417.00	414.90	414.40	408.50	5.2	430.10	7.0
Males		\$	Nov 88	503.30	486.30	483.50	476.30	473.10	6.4	505.20	7.5
Females		\$	Nov 88	333.40	324.60	322.70	326.70	318.10	4.8	328.70	7.2
CONSUMER PRICES (a)											
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -											
Food	index	Mar qr 89	183.9	182.3	179.5	174.0	167.7	9.7	180.5	9.4	
Clothing	index	Mar qr 89	177.3	177.5	171.2	170.3	163.3	8.6	175.9	7.3	
Housing	index	Mar qr 89	207.3	204.5	193.7	189.1	186.8	11.0	197.7	11.6	
Household equipment & operation	index	Mar qr 89	182.3	181.1	178.6	176.8	174.7	4.4	183.1	5.6	
Transportation	index	Mar qr 89	184.5	181.3	181.1	180.8	180.2	2.4	193.6	2.7	
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Mar qr 89	204.8	201.9	201.9	199.1	195.6	4.7	210.1	5.2	
Health & personal care	index	Mar qr 89	203.7	192.6	192.6	190.8	185.8	9.6	191.1	8.5	
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Mar qr 89	165.4	163.7	161.1	160.4	158.6	4.3	163.2	5.1	
All groups	index	Mar qr 89	188.7	186.2	183.0	180.4	177.1	6.5	188.0	6.8	
RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc)	\$m	Mar 89	1,682.3	1,495.8	1,582.4	2,330.3	1,592.8	5.6	6,461.5	9.0	
PRODUCTION											
Manufacturing -											
Clay bricks	million	Feb 89	35.7	25.0	30.3	42.3	34.8	2.6	173	16.9	
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Feb 89	403	248	338	345	327	23.2	1,417	7.0	
Plastics & synthetic resins (b)	tonnes	Feb 89	37,577	34,447	36,325	42,166	39,846	-5.7	49,214	-16.6	
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Feb 89	3,040	1,573	3,042	3,540	2,859	6.3	3,768	7.7	
Cars & station wagons	'000	Feb 89	13.6	3.2	13.1	19.7	14.7	-7.5	25.5	1.2	
Yarns - Cotton	tonnes	Feb 89	798	159	707	830	768	3.9	1,819	10.6	
- Wool	tonnes	Feb 89	1,476	638	1,312	1,556	1,342	10.0	1,838	-11.8	
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m	Feb 89	1,355	332	911	1,371	1,771	-23.5	2,832	-14.8	
- Woollen (incl worsted wool)	'000 sq.m	Feb 89	484	324	399	584	579	-16.4	497	-50.0	
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m	Feb 89	7,591	4,247	6,414	7,585	7,240	4.8	16,872	10.8	
Electricity	million kWh	Feb 89	2,967	2,858	2,928	2,999	2,776	6.9	11,231	4.1	
OVERSEAS TRADE											
Imports	\$m	Apr 89	1,343.0	1,310.0	1,205.2	1,328.3	1,051.8	27.7	4,009.6	29.5	
Exports (excl. re-exports)	\$m	Apr 89	751.9	644.7	763.9	689.9	920.2	-18.3	3,860.3	7.6	
BUILDING											
Approvals -											
New houses	No.	Apr 89	3,156	2,950	3,032	2,580	2,650	19.1	11,170	13.9	
New other residential building	No.	Apr 89	200	220	92	184	206	-2.9	3,636	31.1	
Value of all building	\$m	Apr 89	592.1	579.6	527.6	502.2	518.6	14.2	2,432.4	29.5	
Commencements -											
New houses	No.	Dec qr 88	9,240	8,310	7,330	6,720	7,230	27.8	34,970	32.2	
Value of new houses	\$m	Dec qr 88	763.9	652.0	557.0	520.2	523.1	46.0	2,680.7	54.0	
New other residential buildings	No.	Dec qr 88	782	1,263	1,034	1,298	1,061	-26.3	11,398	63.6	
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Dec qr 88	41.7	69.5	54.4	73.1	54.6	-23.6	660.0	92.9	
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Dec qr 88	950.2	709.2	1,053.8	593.8	726.7	30.8	3,473.6	31.3	
Value of all building	\$m	Dec qr 88	1,881.9	1,545.1	1,773.4	1,291.9	1,409.4	33.5	7,241.4	43.1	
Work done in period	\$m	Dec qr 88	1,762.2	1,618.9	1,464.7	1,321.8	1,408.8	25.1	6,927.1	24.4	
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (c)											
House building (1985-86=100)	index	Mar 89	128.7	126.8	126.3	124.9	116.8	10.2	128.8	10.9	
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	Mar 89	215.5	213.1	212.1	210.9	196.9	9.4	218.1	8.6	
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS											
Cars & station wagons	No.	Mar 89	13,877	10,850	8,321	12,500	9,615	44.3	52,982	23.5	
Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)	No.	Mar 89	11,810	9,079	6,800	10,566	8,317	42.0	41,461	18.3	
Motor cycles	No.	Mar 89	2,067	1,771	1,521	1,934	1,298	59.2	11,521	46.9	
	No.	Mar 89	586	270	373	512	453	29.4	1,960	6.9	
BANKS											
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Dec 88	23,401	22,526	21,977	22,587	20,731	12.9	67,628	17.7	
Major trading -											
Current deposits	\$m	Mar 89	6,440	6,629	6,396	6,883	5,782	11.4	20,399	6.2	
Fixed deposits	\$m	Mar 89	10,393	9,665	9,288	8,921	7,363	41.2	38,042	33.9	
Advances	\$m	Mar 89	15,326	14,933	14,851	17,401	15,146	1.2	51,326	7.9	
Debits to customers' accounts (d)	\$m	Mar 89	31,626	34,378	36,517	39,993	38,724	-18.3	166,076	-2.0	
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION											
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m	Apr 89	473.8	536.5	509.4	453.6	467.9	1.3	1,686.1	-5.9	
Savings banks	\$m	Apr 89	363.6	399.1	385.7	340.4	352.1	3.3	1,198.0	0.6	
Trading banks	\$m	Apr 89	39.4	54.9	45.7	36.1	24.4	61.5	220.5	21.0	
Permanent building societies	\$m	Apr 89	38.1	43.0	47.6	45.3	58.2	-34.5	167.5	-49.9	
Other lenders	\$m	Apr 89	32.7	39.5	30.4	31.7	33.4	-2.1	100.1	18.2	
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e)											
Manufacturing	\$m	Dec qr 88	1,970	1,523	1,786	1,426	1,716	14.8	7,511	14.4	
Finance	\$m	Dec qr 88	709	547	790	592	626	13.3	2,023	20.3	
New building and structures	\$m	Dec qr 88	543	502	486	425	541	0.4	2,087	15.2	
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Dec qr 88	620	518	553	402	537	15.5	2,769	15.6	
	\$m	Dec qr 88	1,350	1,006	1,233	1,024	1,179	14.5	4,742	13.8	

(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendaring only. (c) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.

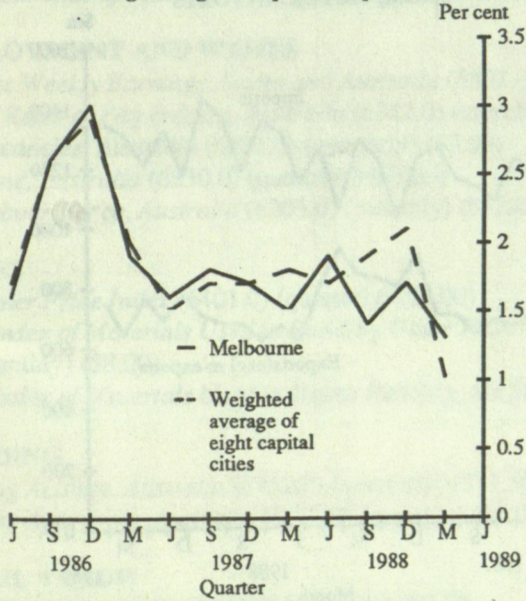
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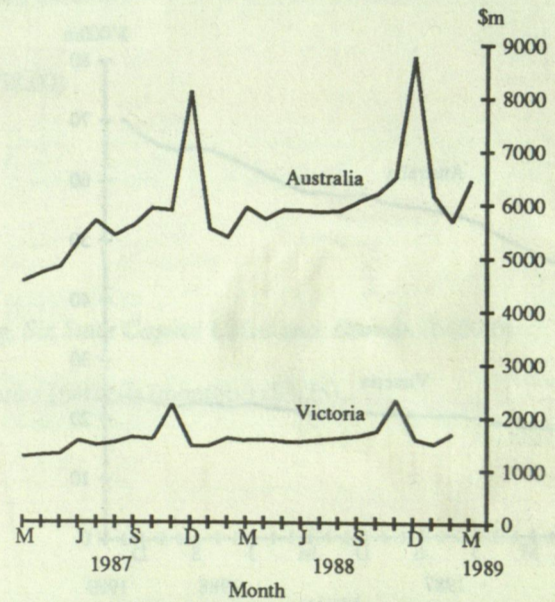
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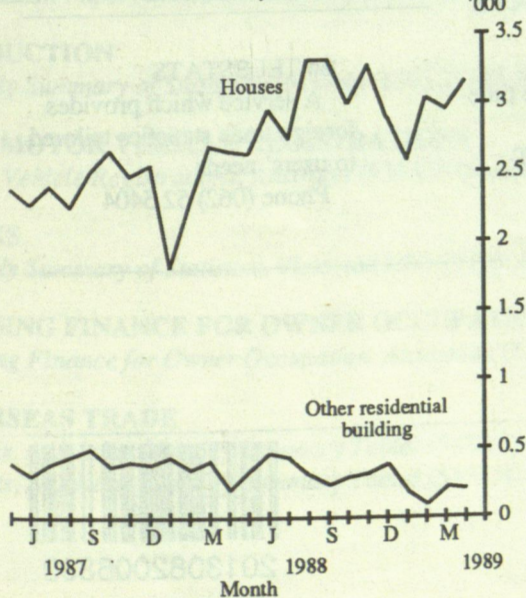
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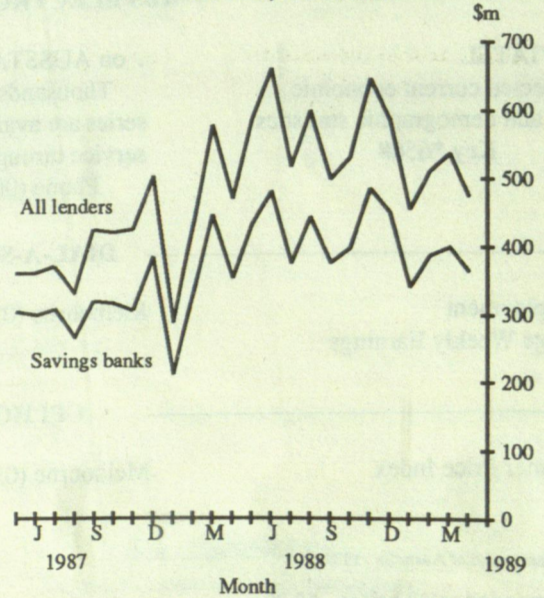
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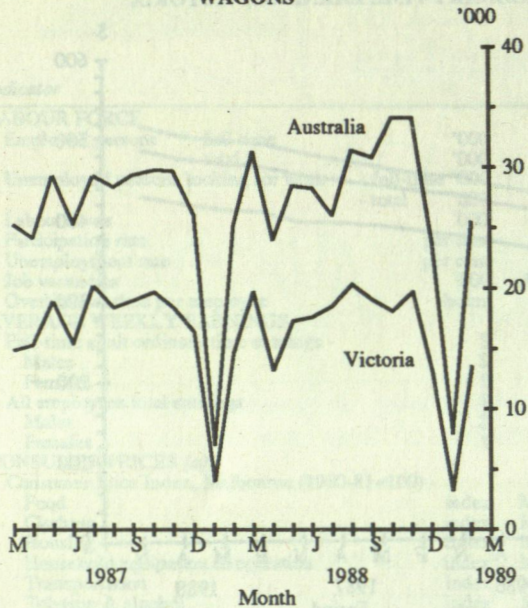
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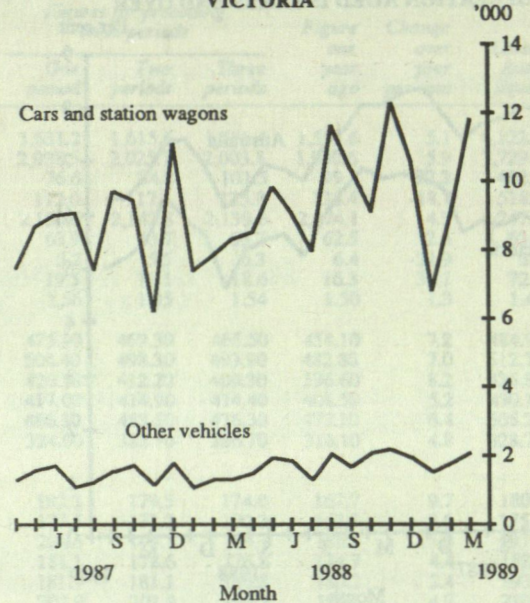
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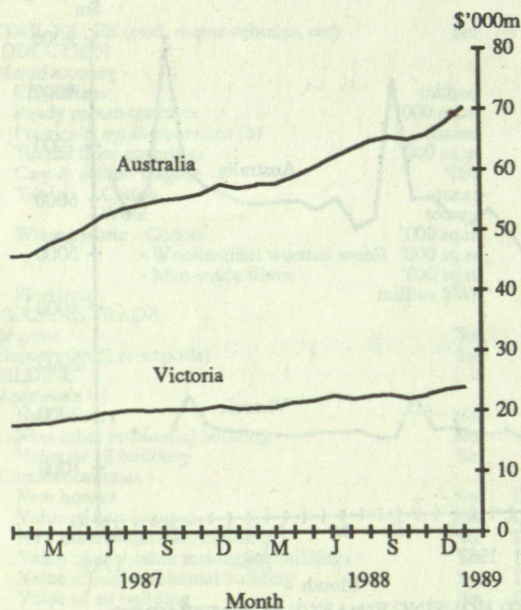
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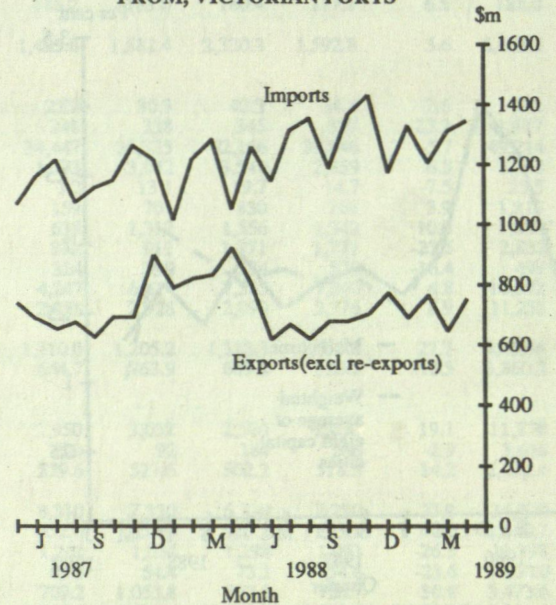
NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED, VICTORIA



SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES



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